

## SENATOR SMOOT STILL ON STAND

Committee Room Crowded By Interested Spectators.

### CORRECTS TESTIMONY OF FRIDAY

Senator Smoot is suffering from an attack of indigestion—Several Members Heretofore Absent Now Attending Committee Meetings.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Attracted by the announcement that Senator Smoot would today continue his testimony before the senate committee on privileges and elections which is investigating the protests against the senator retaining his seat a crowd gathered early today.

Several members of the committee who have not been attending the hearings regularly were present.

Senator Smoot was still suffering from the attack of indigestion which was responsible for an early adjournment yesterday. The senator took the witness stand at 10:30 and before proceeding he made a correction in his testimony concerning trials of apostles. He said the quorum of apostles has the right to depose one of its members and the 12 apostles is the only quorum that has that right. Several other minor corrections were made. In carrying out the decisions of the quorum, the senator said he does not understand that the minority must join with the majority.

The first time he heard of the plural marriage of Benjamin Cluff, president of the Brigham Young university, said the senator, was in 1902, when he was told by Jesse Knight. The senator said he had heard from Mr. Knight that Cluff's new plural wife was the daughter of George Reynolds. Except for the investigation of the subject, looking to the dropping of Cluff from the university presidency which was explained at the hearing, the senator said he had made no further inquiry. He said Cluff was removed a year later and was succeeded by George Brimhall, who, the senator admitted, was then living with a plural wife. He said he was not present, but would have voted for Brimhall if he had been at the meeting.

"You consider the position of president of the university purely ecclesiastical then?" asked Mr. Taylor.

"I think it is."

"Then the rule laid down by you, which would have controlled your vote for Apostle Penrose, a polygamist, would apply to the election of Brimhall?"

"I think the same rule would apply. I don't think I would vote for him for a Federal officer. There are some polygamists I would not vote for and some that I would. I would vote for a man like Brimhall for a state office," answered the senator.

The distinction he made was that Brimhall had taken no plural wives since the manifesto, but was living with a plural wife for the reason that his lawful wife was in an insane asylum. He admitted first that he believed that Mr. Brimhall was violating the spirit of the law, and pressed by Chairman Burrows, said that Brimhall was also violating the "letter of the law." However, the condition of the first wife was an extenuating circumstance.

"What," again asked Chairman Burrows, "do you think it is an extenuating circumstance for a man to marry another woman and to have children by her because his legal wife is in an insane asylum?"

"No, I hardly think that."

"Have you any doubt about it? Do you think it was an extenuating circumstance because the first wife was insane?"

"Perhaps I could put it as broad as that. I think it would be."

### Fire at Ft. Worth, Tex.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 23.—At 3:30 this morning fire destroyed the John Ray Hardware company's building and contents on Main street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, inflicting on both a loss of \$15,000. The Brown & Vera Paint company suffered to the extent of \$5,000, while the Empire Dry Goods and Clothing company is damaged on stock and building to the extent of \$10,000. Adjoining buildings were damaged \$10,000.

### Wealthy Man Accidentally Shot.

New York, Jan. 23.—Jacob Ridgeway, who is said to be a wealthy and socially prominent resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was taken from his apartments in the Hotel Imperial today with a serious bullet wound in his left side. His physician, Dr. Howard A. Pardee, who was with him at the time of the shooting, and who is now held by the police as a witness, however he insists that Mr. Wright's wound was the result of an accident.

### Alabama Postoffice Robbed.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 23.—The postoffice at Goshen, Pike county, was robbed last night, and all the money and stamps in the safe taken. It is stated in the telegram whether the safe was blown. The outside door was forced open and the robbers seem to have taken their time with the safe. The postmaster, John H. Nixon, asked for assistance, and is doing all he can to apprehend the robbers.

### DRY GOODS MEN IN SESSION.

Manufacturers and Commission Merchants Also Represented.

New York, Jan. 23.—At the second and closing session of the wholesale dry goods association annual meeting there has been protracted discussion of the custom of the direct sales to retailers by manufacturers and commission merchants.

Twenty prominent New York commission merchants and representatives of mills took part in the long discussion. Manufacturing representatives as well as commission merchants, promised to co-operate with the association in an effort to save the jobbers.

Before the jobbing question came up the association considered the report of a committee appointed to go into the subject of the extension of a parcels post system of doing business. Much opposition was expressed toward any extension of the parcel post and it was decided that managers of the association should lay the views of the wholesalers before their local representatives.

Widespread formation of syndicates in the smaller cities whereby the local merchants pool their orders and deal directly with the manufacturers was condemned.

### FORMING A NEW CABINET.

President of France Has a Difficult Task Before Him.

Paris, Jan. 23.—President Loubet this morning sent for M. Rouvier and invited him to form a new cabinet. M. Rouvier replied that he would consult with his friends and know his determination at the earliest possible moment. This is expected to lead to the formation of a Rouvier ministry after he has assured himself that he had sufficient support to command a majority of the chambers.

The president gave significant evidence of his desire which expressed condolences on the recent death of his mother. M. Loubet said he never had greater need of comfort and sympathy, and he was glad of the opportunity to make an appeal to the representatives of parliament for unity, concord and reconciliation, which were seen today in the interest of the public and the country.

### Traveling Man Goes Insane.

Atlanta, Jan. 23.—His memory gone, his wife and daughter forgotten, W. R. McGregor, said to be of Roswell, Ga., is detained at the Atlanta police station in the sleepers' ward. Late Friday afternoon passengers on a Peachtree car bound for Brookwood noticed with amazement the strange behavior of a man sitting in the car. He was not violent, but his nervousness was apparent to all. When he reached the end of the line passengers inquired of him the trouble and soon learned that he had forgotten his name, his occupation and, in fact, all of his past life.

### To Prevent Tuberculosis.

New York, Jan. 23.—Dr. Livingston Farrand, professor of anthropology at Columbia university has been named as head of the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis. The association was organized a year ago at a meeting in this city. The assistant curator of the American Museum of Natural History of New York was associated with Franz Boaz in 1897, in organizing the Jesuit Pacific expedition made a study of the earliest peoples in northwestern America and eastern Asia.

### Blood Poison from Lobster's Bite.

New York, Jan. 23.—Blood poisoning caused by the pinch of a lobster's claws, have caused the death of Otto Zimmerman, a chef in a big Harlem restaurant. Zimmerman's work was preparing lobsters, his skill for which was somewhat noted. He handled hundreds of crustaceans every day, and frequently was bitten. Finally one, particularly strong, caught him by the thumb and brought the blood. Swelling set in the next day, and in a few hours the chef died in great agony.

### Veteran of Two Wars Dead.

New York, Jan. 23.—John Randolph Bull, a veteran of two wars and for many years a wholesale produce dealer in Louisville, Ky., is dead at his home in Bayonne, N. J. He served through the Mexican war with the Louisville Legion, and commanded a union regiment during the civil war. Colonel Bull was an intimate friend of General Lafayette and Henry Clay. He retired some years ago and made his home in the east.

### The Butter In.

Howell—Rowell is always butting in. Powell—I know it. He would interrupt a man when he was borrowing money.—New York Tribune.

### Appreciation.

To read them o'er I love to pause— Those poems in the magazine— They really soothe me more because I never know just what they mean.—Washington Star.

### Still Insulting.

Bill—A man wouldn't expect to be cheated in church, now, would he? Jill—No, not unless he was married there.—Yonkers Statesman.

### One View of It.

Here's the lesson of it— Take it as you choose! Folks that keep the happiest Ain't got much to lose! —Atlanta Constitution.

### MAN HELD FOR KIDNAPING.

Charged With Taking Young Girl from Home.

Valdosta, Ga., Jan. 23.—Henry Johnson, who was arrested at Hahira a few days ago on the charge of kidnaping the daughter of Dock Harnage, of this county, was given a commitment trial before Justice Kingsbery here and was bound over to the superior court under a bond of \$500.

The girl, who is 14 years old, testified that she was badly treated by her parents, and did not want to stay at home, preferring to live with Johnson and his wife, who, she said, had given her good clothing and a pleasant home.

The statements of the daughter were led by the father and mother, alleging that their misfeetment consisted only in their efforts to make their daughter obey them, as she was willful and hard to control.

### WOMAN SHOT WILL HUDSON.

Night Before Hudson Had Wounded Her Husband.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Will Hudson, a well known young man, was shot and probably fatally wounded by a woman named Annie Brown, who had persuaded him to come to her room at the corner of Ninth and King streets.

The shooting was the aftermath of another affray last Saturday night in which Hudson shot and slightly wounded George Brown, a man the woman claimed as her husband. Hudson claims that the woman told him she bore him no ill feeling about the first shooting, and induced him to go to her room to talk over the matter.

Two bullets lodged in Hudson's body and only one of them could be extracted.

### Hamlet, N. C., Has Great Fire.

Hamlet, N. C., Jan. 23.—About 12 o'clock fire started in Hinson's stables, burning the stables, Ormon's saloon, Lackey's saloon, McLeod's saloon, Spraight's grocery store, Mrs. Steel's boarding house, Thomas' beef market, Thomas' restaurant, J. D. Goodwin's store. The fire was still raging at 1 o'clock, and bids fair to wipe out most of the business portion of the town. The telegraph operators, on concluding the above dispatch, stated that he was forced to leave his post, therefore no further particulars could be secured.

### Pioneer Woman Physician Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Dr. Odella Blinn, a pioneer among the women physicians of Chicago and the women's societies in Chicago, and thirty years ago a prominent figure in the Chicago business circles, is dead in the county infirmary in Duquoin after several years of ill health, which culminated in a mental break-down last April. She was 60 years of age. Dr. Blinn was a graduate of a woman's medical college of Philadelphia and came to Chicago about the time of the great fire. She spent nearly all her income in Philanthropic undertakings.

### Believe Skyscraper Hoodooed.

Columbia, O., Jan. 23.—Because of a series of 21 accidents since the erection of the Columbus Savings and Trust company skyscraper which was commenced last fall, and horrified by the plunging to death today from the ninth story of Alfred F. Smith, a bricklayer, all workmen on the structure have quit, saying the building is "hoodooed." The negro laborers cannot be induced to return to work.

### NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

Count Julius Szapary, former premier of Hungary, and at one time president of the Hungarian delegation, died today at Abbazia, Austria.

Reuben K. Greenfield, an old-time gambler, well known throughout the south and middle west, is dead in Nashville, Tenn., aged 58. He was well connected here.

The paper house of Bonesteel & Richardson, of San Francisco, has been destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$60,000. Two firemen were injured, but neither seriously, by falling down an elevator shaft.

The case of General Russell A. Alger, in connection with his purchase several years ago, of 14,000 acres of land in Franklin county, Tennessee, was decided in the general's favor by the supreme court today.

Dr. S. R. Beckwith, who was President Garfield's family physician at the time of his assassination, is dead at his cottage in Atlantic City, after a long illness. He practiced some years ago in Cleveland and Cincinnati.

It was announced at the vatican in Rome that the authorities there are surprised at the fact that contrary to the agreement Archbishop Chappelle, of New Orleans, has not yet forwarded his resignation as an apostolic delegate to Cuba.

Word has been received from Crawfordsville, Ind., that the condition of General Lew Wallace has taken a decided turn for the worse, and is now very serious. For several days past he has been confined to his bed and is very weak.

Judge Steyn, former president of the Orange Free State, now the Orange River Colony, has left Paris for South Africa. He has become reconciled to the changed conditions and intends to reside on his farm in the Orange River Colony.

### TOWN BETTERMENT.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR WORK.

Unightly Hamlets Transformed and Scores of Communities Beautified and Made Attractive by These Progressive Societies.

Changed conditions make it imperative that village life be made more attractive lest the fear of social economists becomes realized, and the end of the present decade will see the bulk of our population living in towns. All mature persons can remember the days when the "village main street" was a veritable slough of despond, and fences looked as if they grew, so irregular was their outline. That this state of affairs has changed for the better is largely due to our improvement associations, and these last are attributable to a realization that this state of things does not exist abroad and the complaint of the summer boarder, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. We find, however, that the nucleus of these societies existed in some small communities, as in Guilford, Conn., where in early days the women raked the village green in spring, making bonfires of the leaves and planting a memorial tree. Another effort in the same direction was made by the Public Green association of New Haven, Conn., which was started over a century ago to "remove nuisances, for the grading, making and drainage of roads and the planting of trees."

While for excellence of road construction we must depend upon the quickening of business instinct, good roads come within the sphere of these associations, and it has been demonstrated that where people enjoy the neatness and luxury of a well made road they will widen their efforts in other directions. Many unnecessary roads have been abandoned, roadbeds have been drained, and a department of road engineering has been agitated in agricultural colleges. After good roads the tree has been found the greatest beautifier, and certain parts of our country are beginning to feel that they should become general for shade and protection. In past times the elm held undisputed sway, but the elm worm has become such a nuisance that cash prizes were offered by improvement associations for the destruction of nests, and a commendable pride has been taken by most societies to plant something native, as an oak, maple or basswood.

Everywhere that village improvement takes active form we find energetic workers, and from the time of Maria Edgeworth to the present woman's quick eye has discerned the broadening field of these branches of public improvement. Unightly hamlets have been transformed, and so deep has this civic spirit taken root that we feel in these days a village ought to be tastefully planned from the beginning. Many new places have curved streets, with a central spot for a park and small park places at intervals, and in Ohio we find attractive villages with streets laid out in curves and left open at the opposite sides of the circle for pretty spots embowered in trees. One town, Wyoming, spent \$75,000 in improving its avenues, and what were cornfields in the seventies are now beautiful shady avenues.

When the first of these associations was formed at Stockbridge, Mass., that place was untidy, had ill kept fences, weeds and muddy streets. Today the Laurel Hill association of Stockbridge is a model of its kind, and parks, monuments, shady streets and well kept lawns attest the character of the work. Montclair, N. J.; Honesdale, Pa.; Lebanon, Mo.; Oakland, Cal.; Chattanooga, Tenn., and other places without number are working along these lines, transforming ugly streets into things of beauty, laying out flower beds, planting trees and doing all things conducive to municipal beauty. Massachusetts alone can boast of over a hundred of these associations.

The needs of each community are so different that each place must decide for itself what is lacking. If it is clean back yards and alleys, public baths and parks, all these are attainable. Pride will keep the most obdurate citizen from having ugly environments. No more striking example is to be found than in Akron, O., where a certain manufacturing company has transformed a once notorious quarter of the town into a veritable village of beauty. About five years ago this company ordered all the old boxes, barrels and rubbish cleared away and sowed the ground with grass and planted shrubbery, trees and flowers. A prominent landscape gardener was engaged to plant the grounds and yard surrounding the cottages of employees. An association was formed, seeds were given the women, a boys' vegetable garden was started, stereopticon lectures explained how to plant and why, and the result is that a single street in that community was pronounced by an expert the most beautiful street in the world considering its length.

These societies are not wild, impracticable schemes which cannot be of value. What has been accomplished in many places can be done in all. There is no place where taste cannot be exercised in planting trees, shrubs and flowers with an eye to color and form and where other conditions cannot be modified. Each society is interested in the well being of other leagues and ready to impart any knowledge that experiment has brought. No longer will towns be monotonously alike, for this civic pride seems to be contagious. The associations pay in health, comfort and beauty. The value of property is enhanced, and there are no limits to what organization, perseverance and common sense in endeavors for municipal beauty will accomplish.

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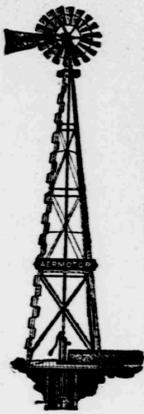
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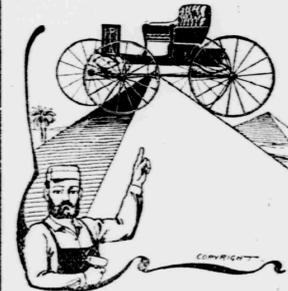
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